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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Luke Osborne

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.

2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/17/04.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)

Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Status

1. Claims 1-15 are pending in the instant application.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submission on 3/17/04 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15 are objected to because of the following informalities:
Claim 2 as representative of the objected claims begins with "A method as recited in claim 1." The claim should read "The method as recited in claim 1" in order for the claim to be a proper dependent claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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4. Claims 1-15 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Profiling in the ASP Codesign Environment by M. Parkinson and S. Parameswaran as provided by Applicant on an IDS submitted 3/17/04, hereafter "Parkinson."

Regarding claim 1, Parkinson discloses a method for profiling an executable hardware model. See Figure 2, 3, 4 and the corresponding portions of Parkinson's specification for this disclosure. In particular, Parkinson teaches "a method for profiling an executable hardware model, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of profiling functions of a profiling process [Page 2, Section 2, Profiling software];

(b) preprocessing an application having application functions targeted for implementation in reconfigurable logic for inserting calls to the profiling functions [Page 2, Section 2.2 Software tagging Software tagging consists of two stages, parsing and insertion];

(c) executing the application [Ten common benchmark programs were tested with the profiling tools which have been developed (Page 4, Section 4 Results)]; and

(d) generating a profile based on the profiling functions called during execution of the application [The charts of Figures 5 through 9 represent a comparison between the exact percentages, as calculated on the dedicated hardware, compared with the execution on a SPARC workstation, and a 68k based workstation (Page 5)]" as claimed.

Regarding claim 2, Parkinson teaches a method as recited in claim 1, "wherein the profile includes at least one of a time taken by each application function, a number of calls to each application function, and a call graph for illustrating calls between functions [The software techniques employed for profiling (the timing of coded sections, as well as procedure) were also test on the standard timing hardware of a workstation (Page 4, Section 4 Results)]" as claimed.

Regarding claim 3, Parkinson teaches a method as recited in claim 1, "wherein the profile includes at least one of dynamic control flow and memory transfers

[The aim of execution profiling is to build this dynamic model. For a statistically accurate model, the designer must ensure that any testing data is representative of the general data set the algorithm will encounter during normal operation. In this way, every branch within the algorithm may be exercised. An example of a typical piece of code containing a single entry point and multiple exit points, along with inserted profiling calls, is detailed in Figure 3.]" as claimed.

Regarding claim 4, Parkinson teaches a method as recited in claim 1, "wherein the application is permitted to interoperate with an arbitrary external library [The profiler merely requires a cross compilation to change the architecture under consideration (Page 3, Section 2.3)]" as claimed.

Regarding claim 5, Parkinson teaches a method as recited in claim 1, "wherein the application is written in a C programming language (Page 3, Figure3)" as claimed.

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Claims 6-10 recite the computer program product limitations of method claims 1-5, thus are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-5.

Claims 11-15 recite the system logic for limitations of method claims 1-5, thus are rejected for the same reasons as claims 1-5.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO form 892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luke Osborne whose telephone number is (571) 272-4027. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo P. Picard can be reached on (571) 272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

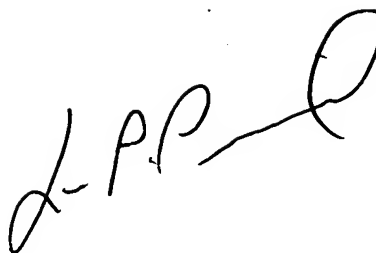
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